

## THE OPPOSITION'S TACTICS

In regard to the Department of Education, there have undoubtedly been some complaints. The province is growing rapidly in population and the demand for new schools and school houses is constant. It takes time to consider all these demands; it takes money to meet them; but they are being met and considered as rapidly as possible. No one regrets more than the Minister that he is unable to comply at once with every claim made for educational facilities, for no one appreciates more highly the immense importance of a good system of common schools than he. Col. Baker is a zealous champion of education, and has always shown himself willing to do everything that a minister of the crown can do to promote its cause in British Columbia. But there are limitations to the amount of money available; there are limitations to the amount of work a minister can do in a given time; no man's judgment is infallible. Therefore it may well happen that the people in certain localities think that they are not receiving full justice or have grown a little impatient. At the same time every case is being considered on its merits, and those which seem to the department to be the most pressing are being disposed of first. The work of administering the department

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Upon one other subject the Attorney-General has been criticized, and that is because he has failed to prosecute the Canadian Pacific Railway for manslaughter in two cases that have occurred this year. There is no doubt that, if the Attorney-General had begun prosecutions in the cases referred to, he

We think that we have given above all the specific charges of misfeazance that have been made against the Attorney-General. A sweeping charge is made that he does not personally prosecute criminals. As a rule he does not; but the same thing is true of the Attorneys-General of the other provinces. And in federal affairs we do not find the Minister of Justice appearing for the Crown in Crown cases. In some of the other provinces special officers are appointed to act as prosecutors, and although the Attorney-General always may intervene, he scarcely does so. There are several reasons for this that ought to be obvious to any one. It is impossible for one man to cover all the ground and at the same time attend to the purely counsel work of the department. This is true in all the provinces, but it is true in a special manner of British Columbia, where on account of the novelty of the conditions and the wonderful development in progress, legal questions are constantly arising upon which the Attorney-General must pass, and it would be impossible for him to attend to them satisfactorily, if he were obliged to travel around to the assizes and devote himself to the details of every criminal trial. We are not surprised to hear persons, who are unfamiliar with the matter, ask why the Attorney-General does not try all the criminal cases, but they are very many reasons why that is not a very satisfactory. Some of the papers which criticize the Attorney-General, are controlled by American citizens from the State of Washington, where the Attorney-General has two deputies and a retinue of clerks, and never thinks of paying the slightest attention to a criminal prosecution.

A SEATTLE WAIVER

A Wall has gone up from Seattle, and the Post-Intelligencer cries out that already the merchants of the United States have lost half a million in trade and will lose a million before the season is over, because Dyea has been made a sub-port. They need not get so excited, for this sum, big though it is, is only a fraction compared to the business they will not get next year. Our neighbors are almost at an insane point over this Yukon trade, and they cannot find explosives strong enough to use against Canada for venturing to collect duties on foreign goods going into Canada. The cry is that the United States must refuse to must refuse the right of transit to goods across the narrow neck of land which is in dispute at the head of Lynn Canal unless Canada agrees to admit American goods into the Yukon duty free. Vic-

The Stickeen route is perfectly feasible, and it will be the great route of travel next year. Nevertheless, of the thousands who seek the Golden Yukon, many will select the routes over the passes. We suppose a large number of those who come from Seattle will go that way. These people will need a customhouse at Lake Tazewell where they can enter their goods, but there will be no custom house there another year, if the proposed hogghish policy at Dyea prevails. If our neighbors would display their usual good sense, they would accept the inevitable, and no more claim the right to take goods duty free into the Yukon than they do into Kootenay or than Canadians do to take goods duty free into Montana.

WORD has been received that the United States custom house officer is collecting \$30 duties on Canadian horses landed at Klagetoy to be used in packing. Admitting the jurisdiction of the United States at this point, the collector probably has a color of right on his side, just as the Canadian officers would have a perfectly legal right to collect duty on horses from the United States as soon as they cross the boundary. This matter will form the subject of representations to Washington, and in the meantime, though it would seem to be the natural thing for the Canadian custom house officers to retaliate, we hope they will permit humanitarian considerations to prevail and allow American citizens the privilege of using their own horses to pack goods into Canadian territory. It is important that no unnecessary obstacles should be put in the way of the people who are struggling across the passes. We think the United States treasury may be trusted to do what is right in the premises, which would be to refund the duties collected on the Canadian horses.

THE **Transvaal Review** intimates that Messrs. Maxwell and McInnes, M.A.'s, contemplate leaving federal politics for the provincial arena, and we are asked how we will arrange the cabinet then. The question has reference to the suggested cabinet which this paper published a week or so ago. This is really very amusing. The suggested cabinet did not originate in the **Colonist**. The **Vancouver World** printed it and said that Mr. Drury, an officer of the Liberal Association, or something of that kind, was responsible for it, and took him severely to task for his presumption in asking good leaders to support such a combination. All the **Colonists** did was to copy that paragraph. This goes to prove that people read the **Colonist** more attentively than they do some of our excellent exchanges.

"CANADA for the Canadians" is the new theme on which the Toronto Globe dilates. It is a good theme. Let us hear more of it. It is a new theme for the Globe and its friends. The cry used to be Canada for every one but the Canadians. For ourselves we would like to go a little further and say Canada for British subjects. The cry does not sound quite so rhetorical, but the principle is sounder. If a man wants to live in Canada and enjoy all the benefit of its laws and the advantage of developing its great resources, he ought not to remain a foreigner.

WORD comes down from the north that very rich diggings have been discovered in Alaska. We hope this is true. We should be glad to hear that there are as rich diggings west of the 141st meridian as there are east of it, because, in the first place, that would give those Americans, who are so furious at Canada, a chance to mine in their own beloved country, and secondly, it would emphasize the fact that no alien can dig gold in the territory of the United States and lead to the prompt reservation of the Canadian gold fields for British subjects.

It is not right for a cabinet minister to use his name and office to bolster up a fraudulent concern; but there is no objection to a cabinet minister accepting a directorate in a legitimate enterprise. It does not follow that an enterprise is

AND now the Colombian shouts something at the COLONIST, and adds: "We pause for a reply." The COLONIST hopes the pause will do his cantankerous friend a whole lot of good. Two months and more ago the COLONIST invited the Colombian to make specific charges against the Government, and promised to reprint and reply to them. We have waited for the substance to the challenge, to be made many weeks, and all we get is a lot of epithets directed at the COLONIST. All of which is exceedingly amusing, for it shows that the Colombian is simply at his wit's end for anything being a fair reimbursement to facts. Nothing will do it now but that we shall discuss some ancient history with it. Will it have patience? The Times has a staff correspondent who wishes to cross lance with us over Jonah and the whale. When we have got through with this we may hope to reach the redistribution plan of 1890 after a reasonable time. Meanwhile we invite the Colombian to devote a few columns to elucidate whether the Neanderthal man parted his hair on the middle or on one side. This has quite as much to do with the elections next year, as with the present presidential administration. The redistribution of 1890 has. Meanwhile we extend to the Colombian our distinguished consideration, and beg to inform it that when we discuss politics, we endeavor to discuss politics, and when we discuss ancient history we discuss ancient history, and we do not so openly and above board, no more daring to make us afraid.

The Times asks if the COLONIST thinks the words "Premier of British Columbia" should be held out "to gild the bait which is dangled before the eyes of the ignorant and credulous." On the abstract proposition we should say that the words should be held out for such purpose. We remember to have seen the name of the Premier of New Brunswick at the head of a telephone company, but do not remember to have heard any one insinuate that there was anything wrong about it, and they run politics at pretty high pressure in New Brunswick. We have seen the name of the same gentleman, who is now Minister of Railways, on the directorate of a brand new Montreal company, and the only paper that insinuated there was anything wrong about it promptly apologized on being informed that the company sought nothing of the hands of parliament or the government. If the probable hazard and a certain gentleman, who should be nameless, becomes lieutenant-governor, and his name shall appear as a director of a company with all his titles, we shall not jump at the conclusion that the concern is necessarily a fraud designed to dupe the ignorant and credulous.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

NEW WORLDS TO CONQUER.

There is a rumor, that seems to be well founded, that Mr. Maxwell, M.P., will give up Dominion for Provincial politics. Mr. Maxwell has not yet publicly said as much, but that he is considering the idea is a foregone conclusion. In reference to this, Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M.P. for Nanaimo, may be said to be in the same box.—Nanaimo Review.

CANADA ALL RIGHT.

Whatever advantage might accrue to Canada from complete independence, would be more than counterbalanced by the disadvantages that would be very apt to follow, as they have done in the government of the United States. Canada is all right as she is.—B.C. News.

A GOOD INDEX.  
What is the best index of a country's prosperity; of the thrift of its people? The savings bank! The story told by the post office savings banks speaks more powerfully than anything can of the condition of the people of Canada.—Kootenay Mail.

ONE ON THE PROFESSOR.

Prof. Jordan, the noisy U. S. commissioner to Behring Sea, is heard from again, proclaiming a great shrinkage in the seal crop this year, and ascribing it to pelagic sealing. "Conclusions of last year completely vindicated," he wires. If vindication of one's conclusions always depended on one's own opinions, mistaken people would be as rare as four-leaved clover.—Ottawa Journal.

A NEW LINE OF TRADE.

The Quebec Official Gazette announces the appointment of a number of agronomists and others to the provincial council of agriculture. An "agronomist," may be mentioned, is nothing worse than a farmer.—Montreal Gazette.

"SIR DONALD'S" TITLE.

That Canada's latest peer has chosen "Mount Royal" as one of his titles will rejoice all Canadians who live under the shadow of the Mount itself. Now that he has selected it, the title is his, and valuing as he does his "Mount Royal," looks down on many a memento of the Baron's long kindness and practical philanthropy. The Royal Victoria hospital, which was the gift to the city of her two peers, lies just across the street from the grounds of Mount Royal, where no one can visit without being reminded of the generosity of "Sir Donald"—for as "Sir Donald" Montrose learned to love him, and hard it will be to lose him under a new name.

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**BY WAY OF VARIETY.**

The Fat Lady (sweetly)—Beg pardon! Did I sit on you, sir? The Lean Man (crankily)—You did, madam. The Fat Lady (bridling)—Oh, well, I dare say you needed it.—Judge.

The Referee—But, my dear sir, I trust you do not intend to proceed to extremities. The Irate Husband—"That's just what I do intend. My charging her with cold feet!"—Cleveland PlainDealer.

Arry—Wot kind of people do you 'ave down 'ere in the season? Old Sam—Well, sir, all kinds; some werry common, some real gentes and ladies, an' some like yerself, sir, 'alf-and-'alf,—London Tit-Bits.

Ruth—I understand Percy Highlife has stopped trying to trace back his family tree. I suppose the further back he went the harder it got? Freddy—Yes—and the further back he went the harder his ancestor's got, too.—Puck.

A Call for Help.—Bilger.—Where are all those deputy sheriffs and policemen going in such a hurry? Parslow.—The home team lost to-day, and the umpire has telephoned that he wants to go to his hotel.—Cleveland Leader.

At the Private Theatricals—Miss Incentive—Oh my! I can never go on the stage in this skirt. It's half way to my knees. Sympathetic Friend—"That's too bad, isn't it?" Take a moment, dear, and I'll get you the scissors.—New York World.

Judge Crusty—Are you sure your love for my daughter is the genuine article, sir? Are you sure you are not mistaken about it? Cholly Mulhally—it is not possible for me to be mistaken about it, sir. I have experienced the same sensation a thousand times.—Judge.

Servant—Can I see me bedroom, ma'am? Mistress—Certainly. Just open upstairs. Servant—if it's in the attic you mean trouble, ma'am. Mistress—Oh, no, this is the room—the first floor, you see, W. Use the attic ourselves. Servant—Very do. Quite out of the question. Mistress—I'm very sorry. Servant—Don't mention it, but there's no place for me planny, and I allus like to have the north light for my little paintin's.—New York Journal.

Astoria.—I have been feeling like my wife for two years, by saying when she goes off in the evening that he goes to the M. C. A. gymnasium. She has just discovered that the establishment was closed three years ago.—Atechison Globe.

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